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Applicant(s): Anthony Griffo et al.

Invention: CONE EROSION PROTECTION FOR ROLLER CONE DRILL BITS

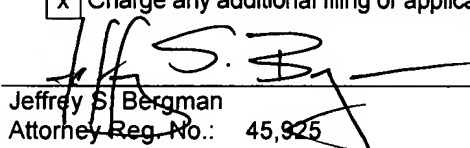
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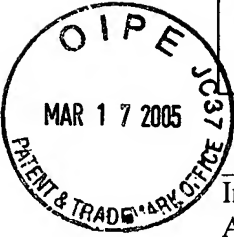
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 17, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 15-24, 28-37, and 47-51 for continued examination.

In the Action mailed February 17, 2005, the Examiner listed claims 1-46 as pending and found claim 1 to be generic. The Examiner requested restriction between the claims directed to the species of the claimed invention: FIGS. 3A-3B; FIGS. 3C-3E; FIGS. 4A-4B; and FIG. 4C. Claims 1-14 were cancelled, and claims 47-51 were added by way of the Preliminary Amendment which was filed concurrently with the application. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Thus if the Examiner deems restriction necessary upon consideration of the Preliminary Amendment, filed February 9, 2004, claim 47 is generic,

and Applicant hereby elects claims 15-24, 28-37, and 47-51, directed to FIGS 3C-3E, for continued prosecution.

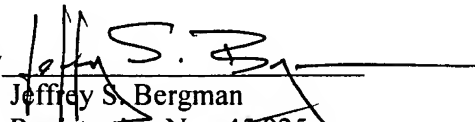
Acknowledgement of Priority

Applicant claimed domestic priority, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/974,735 filed October 10, 2001, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,698,098, at the time of filing of the present application. However, the Examiner has not acknowledged this claim for domestic priority. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgement of the said claim for domestic priority.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 05516/106002 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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